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9. [ ] Met with Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, and advised him that an unconfirmed newspaper report has been received from the Far East concerning the captain of the USS Pueblo. Mr. Michaels was appreciative and requested that he be kept advised.

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Mr. Michaels observed that in case our people had not noted it, Aero Space Daily, among others, commented on the Defense need to identify programs for heavy appropriation cuts. Most frequently mentioned, according to Mr. Michaels, were the ABM and MOL projects.

I also briefed Mr. Michaels on new activity in the Soviet space program and possible Soviet intermediate and medium range missiles.

I brought Mr. Michaels up to date on the status of S. 1035 hearings and Agency considerations relating thereto since Mr. Warner had talked to him after the meeting with Chairman Henderson. Mr. Michaels advised he has had no further conversation with Chairman Mahon on the subject.

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10. [ ] Met with Mr. Philip Kelleher, House Armed Services Committee, who advised that he had not been able to do anything yet with the Henderson letter, but that he would do his best to have it ready for the Chairman tomorrow morning. I also briefed Mr. Kelleher on the unconfirmed report relating to the captain of the USS Pueblo.

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11. [ ] Hand carried to William Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, an updated paper on communist aid to North Vietnam, prepared for Senator Mundt by OER. Woodruff said he thought this was just what was needed. Woodruff said that Senator Mundt has asked him to obtain from the Agency information on free world shipping to North Vietnam. We discussed this a bit and I pointed out that we were providing this type of information for Representative Glenard Lipscomb. Woodruff said that Mundt and Lipscomb get together frequently and compare notes, so we should make certain that we give the same information to Senator Mundt that we give to Representative Lipscomb.

I advised Woodruff of the unconfirmed report we had received concerning the captain of the Pueblo. Woodruff thanked me for the information but said under the circumstances he thought he would not relay the report unless we had information confirming it. I also briefed Woodruff on several intelligence items, including Soviet preparations for a major underground nuclear test, the status of the Soviet's new space launch complex and the item about the use of Egyptian ports by Soviet vessels. I took this opportunity to give Woodruff details on one aspect relating to the termination of a sensitive Agency project.

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12. [ ] Met with William Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and passed to him the information received from a newspaper source concerning the captain of the Pueblo. I emphasized this information was unverified by Agency sources. I also briefed Darden on several current intelligence items, including Soviet preparations for a major underground nuclear test, the status of the Soviet's new space launch complex and the item about the use of Egyptian ports by Soviet vessels. I took this opportunity to give Darden details on one aspect relating to the termination of a sensitive Agency project.

Mr. Darden showed me a letter Senator Russell had received from a Georgia constituent taking him to task regarding the assertions in the Washington Observer newsletter of 15 May 1968 to the effect that the CIA is using unvouchered funds to organize Negro voter registration drives in the south and to finance Negro militants in southern campuses. I told Darden this was a replay of an old Drew Pearson column and Darden recalled that we had been in touch with him before on it. I also told him that we had received similar inquiry from Senator Thurmond and were preparing something on this which we would make available for Darden's use with Senator Russell.